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Safeguarding Statement: Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children,



Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A 6 - 7 May 2023

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Mutual Indwelling

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death.

It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

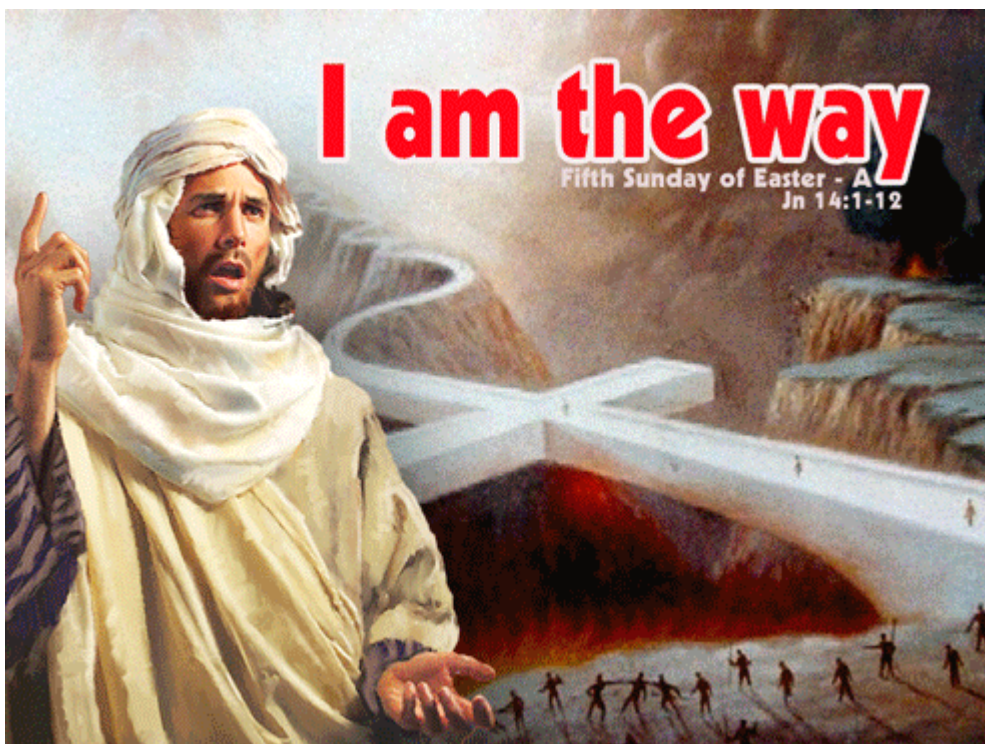
What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!



PARISH CALENDAR.

Sat 6 & Sun 7 May: Commitment Masses
Sun 7 May 9.30am: First Sunday Cuppa
Sun 7 May 12pm: 50th Anniversary Family Groups
Sat 20 May 10am: May Devotion, Cathedral
Sun 21 May 12pm: Parish Lunch
Sun 28 May 9.30am: Confirmation
Wed 31 May 7.00pm: Reader & Commentator training, Cathedral
Fri 16 June 6pm: Parish BBQ
Sat 17 Jun 4.30pm: Altar Servers training
Sun 18 Jun 4.30pm: Altar Servers training

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

CONFIRMATION Please enrol now for Confirmation. Commitment Masses for Confirmation will be held at Parish Masses on **Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 May.** Confirmation will be made at 9.30am Mass on Pentecost Sunday 28 May.

PROJECT COMPASSION Thank you to all our very generous parishioners who donated \$ to this very worthy cause for Caritas. We raised **\$1,609.70.**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS: We will be reinstating Parish Lunches in Sale. These will take place on the third Sunday of each month. Our first Luncheon will be held at Sporting Legends at **12pm on Sunday 21 May.** We are also planning a Parish BBQ on **Friday 16 June at 6.00pm** in the Chapter House.

GARDENING TEAM John Dykun, from the Parish Pastoral Council, has agreed to coordinate a gardening team for the Cathedral surrounds. If you are interested in joining this team please let the Parish office know on 5144 4100

50TH ANNIVERSARY Sunday 7 May. Sale Passionist family group will be celebrating the 50th birthday of the Passionist family group movement in Australia. Parishioners are invited to celebrate the **9:30 a.m. Mass and then to the share lunch at the chapter house at 12pm.** A plate of food to share, and BYO drinks. Tea and coffee will be available. RSVP by Wednesday **3 May 2023** to Veronica on 0455 121 949.

31 CLUB REMINDER 8 - 14 May. Please pray for vocations.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: This weekend, **Sunday 7 May**, the Filipino Community will be our host for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area **after 9.30am Mass.** Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Molly Gibson & Darci Stewart daughters of Andrew & Kristy. Congratulations to the family from us all.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will be held prior to Mass in the Cathedral at **4.30pm on Saturday 17 June** and at **4.30pm on Sunday 18 June.** Please let all children in Year 3 and above know about this opportunity to serve our Parish.

READER AND COMMENTATOR TRAINING for all readers and commentators at the Cathedral, Briagolong, Loch Sport, Rosedale and Stratford will be held in the Cathedral at **7.00pm on Wednesday 31 May.** We encourage all those interested in reading or commenting, even your school age children, to come along to this training. We are in desperate need of volunteers at **5.30pm Mass on Sunday evenings.** Please contact the office if you would like to be added to our roster.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING will be held at a date to be confirmed in June. Stay tuned!

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday.** New members are very welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY leaving collection did not occur last Saturday night so will take place **this Saturday evening at 5.30pm Mass** only.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 6 May 5.30pm: Pasquale & Maria Scarfo, Caterina Tancredi, Francesco & Pasqualina Chila (A's)
Sun 7 May 9.30am: Ceferino Gonzales (A)
Sun 7 May 5.30pm: Raquel Waite (A)

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise for our
Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

An Australian Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of Saint Joseph to help you enter more deeply into Mary and Julian's stories and spirituality. The opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne. Participating in 10 days of sharing a journey will draw you more deeply into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Woods and Mary MacKillop in Penola, and how their vision has unfolded. 'God is truly good to us all.' Mary MacKillop, 9.7.1873 The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on **17 October**, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on **28 October 2023.** During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information see the notice on the bulletin boards in our churches. I am happy to answer any questions and provide an itinerary and application form, and may be contacted at national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 02 8912 4818 - Sr Annie Bond

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10-11am before Mass. **At Other times:** Available on request
Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$920.00
Presbytery:	\$900.60
Credit Cards	\$1,525.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$1,050.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$140.00

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**Mass Timetable this week
Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A
6 - 7 May 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 6 May	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 7 May	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Sale
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 8 May	NO	MASS
Tuesday 9 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 10 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 11 May	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 12 May		
Exposition & Reconciliation Mass	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 13 May	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 14 May	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 6 May 5.30pm	Sun 7 May 9.30am	Sun 7 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Marietta Dykun	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Veronica Stewart
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Margaret Shirreffs	Brenda Bowden
Counter	Len & Lyn Althaus		

Date & Time	Sat 13 May 5.30pm	Sun 14 May 9.30am	Sun 14 May 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Dalia Ellison	Claire Everard
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Margaret Shirreffs	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Christine Kemp	Vince Beer	Brenda Bowden
Counter	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Barbara Schraven**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Raquel Waite, Ceferino Gonzales, Alma Lee, Anne Blanks, Pasquale & Maria Scarfo, Caterina Tancredi, Francesco & Pasqualina Chila, Fr Aeneas Hennessy, Mgr Jim O'Mara**. We pray for those who are sick Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Rebecca Duck, Andrew Lyon, Madeleine Evans, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

MAY DEVOTION: Bishop Greg and the Catholic Diocese of Sale community invite you to attend the diocesan May devotion themed "Mary arose and went with haste" Lk 1:39, to be held at St Mary's Cathedral at **10am on Saturday 20 May 2023**. In addition, there will be two reflection sessions by Very Rev Francis O'tobo, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome.

CATECHIST FORMATION DAY: Father Elio Capra will conduct a formation day for catechists and others who are interested in Sacraments at St. Jarlath's Hall, Yarragon on Saturday 17th June at 9.30 am to 3.30 pm Cost is \$10 per head and catering is provided. Please contact Barbara JDurand on 0414965079 or barbarad@sale.catholic.org.au or book with Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CHWBF>

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: Sunday gospel reflections written by the clergy, religious and laymen and women of our diocese are published weekly through the diocesan website and the diocesan Facebook page enabling us to reflect and prepare ourselves on the Gospel before we get to the weekend masses. The link to our website is <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/sunday-gospelreflections> and the link to our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofsale>

For more information about May Devotion or the Catechist Formation Day refer to the Posters in each parish Church.

**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey
together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

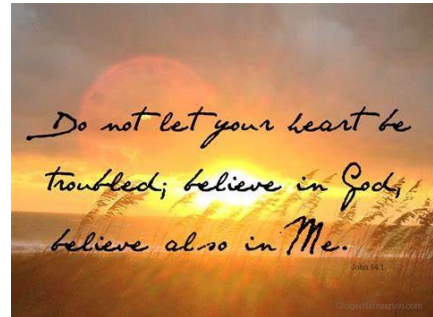
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



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READINGS NEXT WEEK:

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A

1st Reading: **Acts 8:5-8,**

2nd Reading: **1 St Peter 3:15-18**

Gospel: **John 14:15-21**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.